

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments above and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 1, 11, and 14 have been amended.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-15 are currently pending.

### **II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase “each plurality of lamination portions” lacks proper antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claims 11-14 so that proper antecedent basis exists. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 11-14 be withdrawn.

### **III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No 6,077,054 to Lee et al. (“Lee”). The Examiner contends that Lee discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Amended independent claim 11 recites an annular stack of lamination elements “in which annular stack is mounted a tubular coil,” and each lamination element is made up of two lamination portions “affixed to each other in seating regions with mutual fittings.” Lee does not disclose or suggest these features.

Lee describes a stator for a linear compressor having a bobbin, a plurality of cores, and a coil. The coil is wound onto a coil winding recess 210 of the bobbin, and the cores, made up of upper and lower portions having contact portions that are flat surfaces, are inserted into guide rails 250 located on the inner circumference of the bobbin. *See*, Lee, col. 4, lines 9-33 and 53-57; Figures 3 and 4.

In contrast, the claimed invention recites an annular stack of lamination elements “in which annular stack is mounted a tubular coil and each lamination element is made up of two lamination portions “affixed to each other in seating regions with mutual fittings.” The structure of the present invention allows the coil to be mounted to the axial extensions of the lamination elements making up the annular stack, eliminating the necessity for a separate bobbin. Furthermore, the “mutual fittings” of the lamination portions allow the two portions to mate with each other without the use of guide rails as described in Lee.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, Lee does not anticipate claim 11. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 11 be withdrawn.





**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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